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The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric  
The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ros:

Thank you for your letter of 1 August enclosing a copy of the directive and administrative memorandum regarding the Defense Intelligence Agency.

We appreciate the action you have taken with respect to our comments, and your courtesy in giving us the opportunity to see the earlier drafts of your directive.

If there is anything further this Agency can do to insure the effectiveness of this new agency, which is of great importance to the overall intelligence program, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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August 1, 1961

Dear Allen:

The Directive establishing the Defense Intelligence Agency has been issued today and I enclose a copy for your information, together with a copy of a memorandum dealing with the administrative requirements of the new agency. You will note that the Directive incorporates the change suggested in the memorandum which you sent me on July 13, 1961. We will also take into account your other comments as the new agency is activated.

As to your comment regarding the maintenance of two Indications Centers in the Pentagon, we have decided for the time being to maintain here both the National Indications Center and the new DIA Warning and Indications Center (which probably will be an expansion of existing Air Force Warning Center). Although it is desirable to collocate the two centers, it is our judgment that their functions are clearly separable and that they should not be merged until experience demonstrates the advisability of such a step.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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**THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR** The Secretaries of the Military Departments  
The Director of Defense Research and  
Engineering  
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Assistant Secretaries of Defense  
The General Counsel  
The Special Assistant and the Assistants  
to the Secretary of Defense  
The Director, National Security Agency  
The Director of Organizational and  
Management Planning Studies

**SUBJECT: Administrative Requirements for the Establishment  
of a Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)**

1. In establishing the new Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) under the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it is essential that all components of the Department give whatever assistance is required by its Director to the end that DIA may be effectively and expeditiously activated. The relationship of the intelligence activities of the Department of Defense to the national intelligence community is of critical importance. The Secretary of Defense and I expect full cooperation from all elements of the Department of Defense in the establishment of DIA.

2. Upon his appointment, Mr. McNamara and I shall charge the Director, DIA, with the development of all activation plans necessary to the establishment of the Agency on October 1, 1961, and with their expeditious implementation. These plans will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense for approval through the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Secretary and I shall also charge the Director, DIA, with submitting periodic progress reports on the status of his organization.

3. The assumption of full responsibility by DIA of the specific intelligence functions assigned to the Agency will be on a graduated basis. As DIA develops a capacity for handling specific intelligence functions, adjustments will be necessary in the intelligence activities of other DoD components. Acting under

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the direction, authority, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Director, DIA, will schedule such transfers and adjustments in all DoD intelligence functions which come under the terms of his Directive.

4. Until provision is made for the separate funding of DIA, Mr. McNamara and I direct all components of the Department of Defense to continue to budget for all intelligence personnel, activities, and facilities transferred to DIA from their existing intelligence organizations. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) will carefully monitor all financial considerations incidental to the establishment of the Agency.

5. The Secretary of Defense and I shall also designate the Director, DIA, as our agent to monitor DoD's full compliance with all approved Joint Study Group recommendations applicable to the Department, other than those which fall within the National Security Agency's area of responsibility.

6. The Director of the Office of Organizational and Management Planning Studies is designated my principal staff advisor to monitor the establishment of DIA. He will work closely with the Director, DIA.

7. In addition, the Director of the Office of Organizational and Management Planning Studies will submit to me within 90 days:

a. Recommendations for the assignment of DoD-wide responsibility for specialized types of intelligence training. Such recommendations will include consideration of those specialized intelligence training programs which can be provided to the DoD by the Central Intelligence Agency.

b. Recommendations as to what elements of the following intelligence functions should be transferred to DIA:

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- (1) Technical intelligence,
- (2) Counterintelligence,
- (3) Intelligence mapping and charting,
- (4) Intelligence activities of Attaches  
and MAAG's.

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cc:

The Special Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory  
Board (Attention: Mr. J. Patrick Coyne)

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